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SUBJECT: CODEL KENNEDY

REFS: (A) STATE 297076 (B) HONG KONG 15276 (C) STATE 298035

1. CONGEN IS MAKING NEW ARRANGEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE DE-
SIRES EXPRESSED REF A. WE FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY IN
SCHEDULING PRESS CONFERENCE FOR 1430 TO 1530. JFK CENTER
FOR SPASTIC CHILDREN WILL BE NOTIFIED OF PLANNED VISIT.

2. CONGEN NOTES REF C INDICATES SENATOR AND SIX OTHERS
WILL ARRIVE OSAKA JANUARY 9. THERE APPARENTLY HAS BEEN
ONE ADDITION SINCE STATE 294048. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER
TOTAL PARTY ARRIVING HONG KONG NOW STANDS AT 16 OR 17.
WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE FULL NAMES AND POSITIONS OF
MESSRS. PHELPS, THOMPSON AND KEN REGAN.

3. CONGEN HAS LOOKED INTO VARIOUS MEANS OF TRAVEL FROM THE
BORDER TO THE HILTON AND BELIEVES THAT IN INTEREST OF SECURITY
AND COMFORT, AND TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE PRESS HARASSMENT (PARA 6,
REFTEL B), IT WOULD BE BEST TO ARRANGE FOR SPECIAL RAILWAY CAR
FOR CODEL. COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY U.S. $80 PLUS THE $1.00
TRAIN FARE PER PERSON TO THE TERMINUS IN KOWLOON. RENTAL AND
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CONGEN CARS CAN MEET PARTY THERE FOR TRIP TO HILTON HOTEL.
OTHER ALTERNATIVES ARE:

A) ARRANGE FOR RENTAL CARS TO DRIVE TO THE BORDER TO
MEET PARTY AND RETURN THEM TO HILTON. THIS WOULD ADD
APPROXIATELY $100 TO THE COST FOR CAR RENTALS AND ENTIAL
CONGEN OBTAINING SPECIAL PASSES FOR CARS AND DRIVERS INTO

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CLOSED BORDER AREA.

B) CHARTER A BUS TO MEET AT BORDER. CLEARANCES THEREBY
LIMITED TO ONE VEHICLE AND DRIVER. COST APPROXIMATELY $95.

C) CODEL COULD RIDE IN PUBLIC TRAIN COACH IN HOPE THEIR
PRESENCE DOES NOT ATTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION.
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